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1. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTED FROM LAGOS ON AUGUST 22 THAT SWEDISH ENERGY MINISTER OLOF JOHANSSON HAD SIGNED DOCUMENT WITH HIS NIGERIAN COUNTERPART, MOHAMMED BUHARI, WHICH WILL GUARANTEE SWEDEN LONG-TERM DIRECT PURCHASES OF NIGERIAN OIL IN LARGE QUANTITIES.

- 2. ENERGY MINISTER JOHANSSON TOLD REPORTERS HE WAS MOST SATISFIED WITH WAY IN WHICH TALKS HAD DEVELOPED IN LAGOS. NIGERIANS INFORMED JOHANSSON THEY WERE PREPARED TO DELIVER LARGE QUANTITIES OF OIL IMMEDIATELY, AND JOHANSSON REPLIED THAT SWEDEN COULD START IMPORTING BY MID-1978.
- 3. NEXT STAGE WILL BE CONTINUATION OF TALKS IN DETAIL BETWEEN SWEDISH GOVERMENT-OWNED PETROLEUM IMPORTING COMPANY SVENSKA PETROLEUM AB (SWEPOTROL) AND NIGERIAN NATIONAL PETROEUM COMPANY (NNPC), AIMING AT BILATERAL LONG-TERM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
- 4. NIGERIA IS FOURTH LARGEST SUPPLIER OF OIL TO SWEDEN TODAY,
 BUT IMPORTATION TAKES PLACE VIA MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES.
 AGREEMENT WILL MEAN THAT SWEDEN WILL FOR FIRST TIME BE PURCHASING
 OIL DIRECT FROM PRODUCER COUNTRY, PAPERS NOTED.
- 5. SWEPETROL WILL REPORTEDLY ALSO BE NEGOTIATING WITH NIGERIANS FOR DELIVERY OF LOW-SULFUR HEATING OIL. MINISTER JOHANSSON SAID NIGERIA WILL SOON HAVE SURPLUS PRODUCTION OF HEATING OIL WHEN REFINERY AT WARRI IS COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.
- 6. ASIDE FROM VARIOUS OTHER POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL PROJECTS, SUCH AS SALE OF PIPELINES AND SUPPLY OF TANKER TRUCKS TO NIGERIA, SWEDEN IS UNDERTAKING TO ASSIST NIGERIA WITH PLANNING UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TRAINING. A SWEDISH DELEGATION WILL REPORTEDLY BE VISITING NIGERIA TO STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS.

- 7. OTHER PRESS REPORTS FROM LAGOS INDICATED THAT SWEDISH GOVERMENT-OWNED SHIPYARD GOTAVERKEN HOLDS GOOD HOPES OF SECURING NIGERIAN ORDER FOR BETWEEN 14 AND 20 LNG TANKERS, EACH WITH CAPACITY OF 135,000 CUBIC METERS AND COSTING ABOUT \$35 MILLION. PREREQUISITE WILL BE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DECISION TO CONSTRUCT NATURAL GAS PIPELINE NETWORK IN SWEDEN. DELIVERIES OF LNG IN NIGERIAN TANKERS COULD BEGIN IN FIRST HALF OF 1980'S. HEAD OF GOTAVERKEN'S SHIP SALES DIVISION, BO MAGNUSON, TOLD REPORTERS THAT NIGERIAN OIL MINISTER BUHARI HAD STRESSED DURING TALKS THAT FIRMS WHICH COULD ALSO PROVIDE VARIOUS PLANNING FACILITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR TANKER PERSONNEL WOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY.
- 8. GOTAVERKEN REPRESENTATIVES IN LAGOS ALSO DISCUSSED YARD'S PROJECTED FLOATING PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS, DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH DANISH FIRM TOPSOE, WHICH WILL PRODUCE AMMONIA FROM LNG FOR ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZER. FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND GOTAVERKEN WILL REPORTEDLY BE MADE DURING FALL. TANKER ORDER WOULD PROVIDE WORK AT HARD-HIT GOVERNMENT-OWNED GOTAVERKEN SHIPYARD FOR TWO YEARS.

9. AS INDICATED IN STOCKHOLM 0668, PRIVATELY-OWNED KOCKUM SHIPYARD PRESENTED PACKAGE LNG PROPOSAL TO GOS IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF SOME 20 SPECIAL TANKERS. PERRY

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